

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing Standards Officers Report (Update)

Licensing Board Review Hearing: 14 February 2012

Premises: Linnvale Grocers

Premises Licence Number: WDLBPREM/0254

Address: 131 Livingstone Street, Clydebank, G81 2RG

Premises Licence Holder: Mrs Naseem Waheed

Designated Premises Manager (DPM): Mr Mohammad Afzal (GC 00992)

Licensed Hours: 1000hrs to 2000hrs (reduced from 2200 by Licensing Board)

This report is provided following a Licensing Board determination to review the personal licence of Mr Mohammad Afzal (GC 00992). For the purposes of the hearing the content of the report is restricted to the compliance history of the above premises since the Premises Licence review on 25 October 2011. Mr Afzal is the Designated Premises Manager for these premises.

The Licensing Board also gave direction at the hearing on 25 October 2011 that the question of a blank training record being signed by another Personal Licence Holder not otherwise connected to the premises should be investigated. To that end Mrs Gallacher was contacted and provided a statement to the reporting officer on 4 November 2011.

The premises have been visited on several occasions by Licensing Standards Officers since October 2011.

These visits included an inspection carried out by LSOs on Wednesday 1 February 2012.

It was noted that both training records for the staff were available for inspection. These records included a training manual for Mr Arshad which was previously unavailable. This was signed in February 2010. It is unclear whether this training manual was simply not provided at previous inspections or whether this is the manual previously seen as apparently signed by another Personal Licence Holder (PLH), but otherwise blank. The blank manual had been signed on the same date as the one produced at this inspection. It is the opinion of the reporting officer that the question of any potentially fraudulent activity attached to training records is currently and is likely to remain inconclusive.

All other compliance matters were satisfactory at the time of the inspection.

It is of some encouragement that Mr Afzal has followed advice and now displays the relevant paperwork in glass frames which are less likely to be lost or damaged. He has also followed advice and had the two members of staff sign declarations that they understand and will implement "Challenge 25."

There are no ongoing issues with the premises from other sections of Regulatory Services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Knighton', written in a cursive style.

Lawrence Knighton

Licensing Standards Officer

Date : 2 February 2012

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